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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT
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ANGOLAN FLIGHTS TO MOZAMBIQUE: ANGOLAN TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, PROBABLY CARRYING CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS, HAVE REPORTEDLY MADE SIX FLIGHTS FROM ANGOLA TO MOZAMBIQUE SINCE MID-MARCH. THESE FLIGHTS APPARENTLY CROSSED ZAMBIAN AIR SPACE WITHOUT NORMAL OVER-FLIGHT CLEARANCE. THE AIRCRAFT ARE PROBABLY EX-PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE NORATLAS TRANSPORTS, WHICH HAVE A CAPACITY OF 45 PASSENGERS OR SEVEN AND ONE-HALF TONS OF CARGO AND SUFFICIENT RANGE TO MAKE A NON-STOP FLIGHT BETWEEN THE TWO FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES. IN 1975, MOZAMBIQUE GAVE THREE OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA TO SUPPORT ITS FORCES IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR. CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE KNOWN TO HAVE OPERATED NORATLAS TRANSPORTS IN ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO DIA, THE CUBAN ROLE IN MOZAMBIQUE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN THE COMING MONTHS, TO INCLUDE MILITARY AID TO LOCAL MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES AND RHODESIAN GUERRILLAS. HOWEVER, MOZAMBIQUE WILL ATTEMPT TO LIMIT CUBAN INVOLVEMENT WITH THE GUERRILLAS AND SEEK TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN ITS CONTROL OVER THE RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT BASED ON ITS TERRITORY.

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SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN MALAYSIA. MALAYSIA IS APPARENTLY BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE SOVIET PENETRATION OF ITS GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES. SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS HEIGHTENED APPREHENSION.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY COME UNDER SOVIET PRESSURE TO GRANT CONCESSIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS. MOSCOW IS SEEKING COOPERATION IN FISHING ENDEAVORS WHICH WOULD INVOLVE SOVIET TRAWLERS ENTERING MALAYSIAN WATERS AND EXCLUSIVE REFUELING FACILITIES IN PENANG. ADDITIONALLY, MOSCOW AGENTS ARE ACTIVELY PROMOTING SOVIET ASSOCIATED COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS. POSSIBLE SOVIET INFILTRATION OF THE MALAYSIAN POLITICAL FABRIC, HOWEVER, IS VIEWED AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DANGER. ALTHOUGH FEW DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FEAR THAT COMMUNIST AGENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLANTED. ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA REMAINS SUSPICIOUS OF PEKING, BOTH IN KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE, THERE IS AN EMERGING TREND TO CONSIDER THE SOVIETS AS THE MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. THIS SHIFT IN POLICY IS VERY LIKELY IN REACTION TO CONSIDERABLE SOVIET PRESSURE TO ENLIST THE NONCOMMUNIST STATES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA TO SUPPORT ITS EFFORTS TO RING CHINA.

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